



## **Environmental Policy**

The World Federation of Intensive and Critical Care (WFICC) is committed to the environment and to managing environmental impact as an integral part of our organization.

WFICC recognizes environmental protection as one of our guiding principles and a key component of sound business performance in order to minimize our impact on the environment. We will operate in compliance with relevant federal, provincial, and municipal environmental legislation, and we will strive to use environmental best practices in all we do.

We will:

- Promote environmental awareness among our Executive Director, Council members and organizational members, and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner;
- Train, educate, and inform our CEO, Council members and organizational members about environmental issues;
- Continually seek opportunities to improve our environmental performance by establishing objectives and targets, measuring progress, and reporting our results; including but not limited to energy, water, paper and fuel consumption and vehicle and airline miles travelled;
- Support a “Climate Conscious Travel” approach of understanding the environmental impacts of travel and using lower-carbon methods of transport where possible. This involves minimizing travel to reduce carbon emissions and taking train, rail, or bus transport rather than air whenever possible;
- Strive to continually improve our environmental performance by periodically reviewing our environmental policy in planning our current and future activities including the selection of Congress venues. Venues should promote efficient use of resources including water and energy, and the use of recycling programs and/or safe disposal options for materials such as e-waste and hazardous waste;

- Reduce waste by initiating recycling programs within the office – including the recycling of paper, cardboard, beverage containers, plastic containers, and other materials that are accepted by a recycling provider;
- Purchase environmentally responsible products that have been selected based on criteria including; toxicity, durability, use of recycled or re-furbished materials, reduced energy and/or water consumption, reduced packaging, and ability to be recycled, refilled or re-furbished at the end of its useful life;
- Regularly communicate our environmental program to WFICC member organizations and encourage their support;
- Promptly correct any practice or condition not in compliance with this policy.

**Approved and adopted by Council**

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